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Security Council

10:00 — 7899th meeting [webcast] — Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop- and police-contributing countries pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B

   United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

11:00 — 7900th meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction

   Briefing by the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)

15:00 — 7901st meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Central African Republic

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General Assembly

Seventy-first session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10:00 to 12:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017: Status of implementation of the information and communications technology strategy for the United Nations (A/71/400 and A/71/785))	
12:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017: Managing after-service health insurance (A/71/698, A/71/698/Corr.1 and A/71/815))	
15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 140 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/71/34, A/71/34/Corr.1 and A/71/779))	

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

2017 substantive session

Sub-Working Group 1

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room E

Sub-working Group 4

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 11

Sub-working Group 2

15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room E

Sub-working Group 3

15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 11
	Consideration of the draft report by the Working Group of the Whole (A/71/587, A/71/587/Add.1, A/71/658–S/2016/1018 and A/71/660–S/2016/1033) [item 7]	

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Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretariat via the e-deleGATE electronic portal (https://delegate.un.int).

Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers by *clicking here*. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org).]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10

1. United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi
2. Executive meeting

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Forty-third session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Eleventh session

Central African Republic configuration

10:00	Informal meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Sixty-first session

10:00 to 13:00	6th meeting *(in parallel)* [webcast]	General Assembly Hall

Ministerial segment

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (A/71/38, E/CN.6/2017/2, E/CN.6/2017/3, E/CN.6/2017/4, E/CN.6/2017/6, A/HRC/35/3–E/CN.6/2017/7, E/CN.6/2017/10, E/CN.6/2017/NGO/3 to E/CN.6/2017/NGO/131, E/CN.6/2017/NGO/220 and E/CN.6/2017/NGO/221) [item 3 as a whole]

Continuation of general discussion

[For the latest list of speakers, please *click here*.]

10:00 to 13:00	6th meeting *(in parallel)* [webcast]	Conference Room 4

Ministerial segment

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century": Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men: empowerment of indigenous women [item 3 (b)]

Interactive dialogue on focus area "Empowerment of indigenous women"

[For details, please *click here*.]

15:00 to 18:00 — 7th meeting *(in parallel)* [webcast] — General Assembly Hall

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (A/71/38, E/CN.6/2017/2, E/CN.6/2017/3, E/CN.6/2017/4, E/CN.6/2017/6, A/HRC/35/3–E/CN.6/2017/7, E/CN.6/2017/10, E/CN.6/2017/NGO/3 to E/CN.6/2017/NGO/131, E/CN.6/2017/NGO/220 and E/CN.6/2017/NGO/221) [item 3 as a whole]

Continuation of general discussion

[For the latest list of speakers, please *click here*.]

15:00 to 18:00 — 7th meeting *(in parallel)* [webcast] — Conference Room 4

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century: Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives: Review theme: challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls E/CN.6/2017/4) [item 3 (a) (ii)]

National voluntary presentations, followed by interactive dialogues

15:00 to 18:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 3

On the draft agreed conclusions entitled "Women's economic empowerment in the changing world of work", convened by the Vice-Chair, Ms. Fatmaalzahraa Hassan Abdelaziz Abdelkawy (Egypt)

[Additional information on the work of the Commission can be found on the Commission website (please *click here*).

The *list of side events* on the occasion of the sixty-first session of the Commission is available by *clicking here*.

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The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Commission's PaperSmart portal.

Information on the *participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council* in the work of the Commission is available by *clicking here*. As requested in relevant resolutions, the *reports by the relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council* are brought to the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women at its sixty-first session and can be addressed by *clicking here*.]

Committee for the United Nations Population Award
First regular session

10:30 to 13:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 9

Kindly confirm your participation to Ms. Lourdeth Ferguson (e-mail ferguson@unfpa.org). All members of the Committee are invited.

United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination

High-level Committee on Programmes
Thirty-third session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 12
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 12

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International Criminal Court: Working Group on Amendments

15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 9

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

For the complete list of press conferences, please click on the link *www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp*.

Forthcomirg official meetings

General Assembly
Seventy-first session

Tuesday, 21 March 2017

10:00	73rd plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance: commemorative meeting on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination [item 66]

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 15 March 2017, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

[The General Assembly will also pay tribute to the memory of His Excellency Vitaly Churkin, late Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations.]

Monday, 20, and Tuesday, 21 March 2017

10:00 Conference Room 2

15:00 Conference Room 2

Wednesday, 22 March 2017

15:00 Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on the zero draft of the "Call for Action" to support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 10 March 2017, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

Wednesday, 22 March 2017

10:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

15:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

The President of the General Assembly will convene a working-level dialogue to discuss improving the integration and coordination of the work of the United Nations on the water-related goals and targets under its sustainable development pillar, with a particular emphasis on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

[Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 7 February 2017 and 10 March 2017, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

High-level meeting entitled "Climate Change and the Sustainable Development Agenda"

Thursday, 23 March 2017

09:30 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Opening segment

10:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Panel discussion: Stocktaking on climate – Ambition and action

11:15 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Plenary debate: Stocktaking on climate – Ambition and action

15:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Plenary debate: Stocktaking on climate – Ambition and action *(continued)*

15:00 Sessions *(in parallel)*

1. Implementing solutions: Scaling up implementation of the Paris Agreements and SDGs — Conference Room 7
2. 2020 as opportunity: Achieving 2020 targets of SDGs and nationally determined contribution (NDC) ambitions — Conference Room 8

17:30 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Wrap-up: The way forward

17:45 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Closing of the high-level meeting

[For more information on the event, please *click here*. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 8 February 2017 and 14 February 2017, were sent to all permanent representatives. Member States, intergovernmental organizations and entities that have observer status with the General Assembly, and United Nations system entities, wishing to speak are kindly requested to inscribe with the List of Speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Mr. Carlos Galindo (e-mail galindo@un.org; with copy to e-mail gaspeakerslist@un.org)). Statements in the plenary debate should not exceed *five minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group and *three minutes* when speaking in a national capacity. For PaperSmart Services, delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.]

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

Friday, 17 March 2017

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

Friday, 17 March 2017

11:00 to 13:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold an interactive conversation about the latest political developments and the current situation in the State of Palestine, with Dr. Hanan Ashrawi, on the margins of the sixty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

It is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions, United Nations system entities, United Nations Secretariat and accredited civil society organizations, as well as to the media. To register, please *click here*.

International Civil Service Commission

Eighty-fourth session
20 to 31 March 2017

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1

Preparatory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 69/292: Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction
Third session
27 March to 7 April 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 2

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 2

The provisional agenda and the provisional programme of work of the meeting are contained in documents A/AC.287/2017/PC.3/L.1 and A/AC.287/2017/PC.3/L.2.

The above documents, as well as other relevant information on the Preparatory Committee, are available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (*click here*).

States representing Groups of States wishing to be inscribed on the *list of speakers* are invited to contact Ms. Charlotte Salpin, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail salpin@un.org).

PaperSmart arrangements will be available for the duration of the third session of the Preparatory Committee. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart8@un.org. The entity name, date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the PaperSmart portal after their delivery by delegations. PDF format is preferred. To access the PaperSmart of the Preparatory Committee, please *click here*.

Delegations are kindly requested to provide *20 hardcopies* of the text for the technical services no later than *one hour before* delivery of the statement.

The list of side events scheduled to be held during the session can be consulted by *clicking here*.

United Nations Conference to negotiate a legally-binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading towards their total elimination
27 to 31 March and 15 June to 7 July 2017

The United Nations Conference to negotiate a legally-binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading towards their total elimination is convened pursuant to General Assembly resolution 71/258 of 23 December 2016.

The agenda of the Conference and the timetable of meetings of the March session of the Conference are contained in documents A/CONF.229/2017/2 and A/CONF.229/2017/3, respectively.

A note by the Secretariat containing information for participants has been issued as document A/CONF.229/2017/INF/1 and A/CONF.229/2017/INF/1/Corr.1 (to be issued).

Delegations wishing to participate in the *general exchange of views*, including the *high-level segment*, are requested to inscribe with the United Nations Secretariat, *in writing*, by e-mail (nuclear.conference@un.org), indicating the name and title of the speaker, as well as the topic they wish to speak on. The *list of speakers* will be established on a first-come first-served basis, with the customary protocol that ensures that ministers and senior officials speak first, followed by other heads of delegation.

Delegations participating in the *general exchange of views* during the March session of the Conference are encouraged to limit their statements to *ten minutes*.

Delegations are reminded that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the Conference. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement *at least one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. Statements will be made available on the PaperSmart portal of the Conference only after delivery by delegations. Also a minimum of *30 copies* of the text of statements to be delivered at the Conference should be submitted in advance to the Secretariat.

The *credentials* of representatives and the names of members of a delegation should be addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and delivered to the Office of Legal Affairs, located on the 36th floor of the Secretariat Building (Room S-3604, S-3633 or S-3639), if possible *not less than one week before Monday, 27 March 2017*. The credentials should be issued either by the Head of the State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Copies of the credentials should also be transmitted to the Protocol and Liaison Service (e-mail unprotocol@un.org; Room S-0201; fax 1 (212) 963-1921).

Permanent representatives and observers are kindly requested to submit a *comprehensive list of the members of their delegation* to the Conference, including the functional titles and affiliations of each member, to the Secretariat of the Conference (e-mail nuclear.conference@un.org; Room S-3058) *no later than Friday, 31 March 2017*. A final comprehensive list of delegations to the Conference will be issued in August 2017.

The *participation of non-governmental organizations* in the Conference shall be governed by the decision adopted by the conference at its organizational session on 16 February 2017 (A/CONF.229/2017/4). A note by the Secretariat containing information for civil society representatives has been issued as document A/CONF.229/2017/INF/2.

It is strongly recommended that documents submitted by States, intergovernmental organizations and other entities *should not exceed five pages* (2,650 words) to reduce costs, facilitate translation and ensure timely issuance. States, intergovernmental organizations and other entities are requested to submit documents in Microsoft Word format to the Conference Secretariat (e-mail nuclear.conference@un.org). In light of the short timeframe in which the Conference will conduct its work, advance and unedited submissions may be posted in their original language on the Conference website maintained by the Office for Disarmament Affairs upon request, pending their issuance in six languages.

Limited space for lunchtime *side events* is available in the main conference room assigned to the Conference. Delegations wishing to hold a lunchtime side event in Conference Room 4 (27 to 31 March) or Conference Room 1 (15 June to 7 July) are invited to contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378), with a copy of the request to nuclear.conference@un.org. The available space will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Additional information on the Conference is also available on the Conference website.

Disarmament Commission
2017 substantive session
3 to 21 April 2017

Monday, 3 April 2017

10:00 Opening meeting Conference Room 3

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate are invited to kindly submit, *in writing*, the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat (Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378)). The Secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations would communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch, via note verbale (e-mail vrastiak@un.org), *as soon as possible*, the name(s) of the representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Disarmament Commission.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-seventh session
5 to 23 June 2017

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States *at least two weeks* before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 19 May 2017*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (304 East 45th Street, Room FF-700; tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; fax 1 (212) 963-1943; or by e-mail to contributions@un.org).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 70/245. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Economic and Social Council
2017 session

Briefing

Friday, 17 March 2017

15:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

The Bureau of the Economic and Social Council will hold a briefing on the programme of work of the Council for the period April to July 2017.

The President (Zimbabwe) will brief the Council on the preparations for the upcoming coordination and management meeting (19-20 April 2017), to be chaired by the Vice-President (Czech Republic). The Vice-President (Pakistan) will brief the Council on the preparations for the integration segment (8-10 May 2017) and the Vice-President (Germany) will brief the Council on the preparations for the humanitarian affairs segment (21-23 June 2017).

The President (Zimbabwe) will also brief the Council on the preparations relating to the partnership forum (5 April 2017), the special meeting on international cooperation in tax matters (7 April 2017), the multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (15-16 May 2017), the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up (22-25 May 2017), the special meeting on "Innovations for infrastructure development and promoting sustainable industrialization" (31 May 2017), the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council (10-14 July 2017); and the high-level segment, including the three-day ministerial meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development (17-20 July 2017).

All are invited to attend. Additional information, including available documentation, relating to the meetings of the Council is available on the website of the Council (please *click here*).

Partnership Forum

Wednesday, 5 April 2017 Trusteeship Council Chamber

The Economic and Social Council will hold its 2017 Partnership Forum on the theme "Partnerships for promoting opportunities, increased prosperity and sustainable development for all".

The forum will be interactive in nature and there will be no pre-determined list of speakers. Delegations are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to *three minutes* (*five minutes* for group statements).

All are invited to attend. Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail leonc@un.org), with copy to yogasundram@un.org, *as early as possible*. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Council of their prospective participation in the forum *no later than 12:00*, on Tuesday, 4 April 2017, to be pre-assigned a seat in the meeting room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Additional information on the Partnership Forum, including the concept note and draft programme, is available from the website of the Economic and Social Council (please *click here*). For further details, please contact the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (Mr. Ajit Yogasundram (e-mail yogasundram@un.org; or tel. 1 (917) 367-5027)).

Special meeting on international cooperation in tax matters

Friday, 7 April 2017

10:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The special meeting will be held pursuant to Council resolution 2017/2 and decision 2017/209. The special meeting will hold interactive discussions and a general discussion.

The interactive discussions will have a free-flowing format, with interventions limited to *three minutes*. There will be no list of speakers during the interactive discussions.

Requests for inscription to the *general discussion* to be held from 17:15 to 17:50 should be communicated to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org), with copy to Ms. Isabel Tañedo (e-mail tanedo@un.org)). Statements shall not exceed *three minutes* for individual delegations, and *five minutes* for groups.

PaperSmart services will be available to delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically. Please send a copy of the statement at *least one hour in advance* of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date and subject of the meeting should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Economic and Social Council PaperSmart portal (*click here*) after delivery by delegations.

Delegations are requested to submit, *in writing*, as soon as possible, the names of the representatives attending the meeting to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (c/o Mr. Jose Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org)). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are advised that only one list of participants will be issued at the conclusion of the 2017 session of the Council.

For further information on the special meeting, including the concept note and tentative programme, please *click* here, or contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail halka@un.org; Room DC2-2186).

Coordination and management meeting
19 to 21 April 2017

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies at the coordination and management meeting. The list of subsidiary bodies for which the Council will take action on is available on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

Delegations and Chairs of the regional groups wishing to nominate candidates are kindly requested to send their correspondence *no later than Thursday, 30 March 2017*, to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (Attn: Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (e-mail sharma7@un.org), with copy to Ms. Mary Constable (e-mails constablem@un.org and ecosocelections@un.org)); by mail to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch (Room S-1275); or by fax 1 (212) 963-5935.

Committee for Development Policy
Nineteenth session

20-24 March 2017 Closed meeting Conference Room 6

For the agenda and other related documents of the nineteenth session of the Committee for Development Policy, please *click here*. For further information, please contact Ms. Teresa Lenzi, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail lenzi@un.org).

United Nations Forum on Forests

Tuesday, 21 March 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

Special event in celebration of the International Day of Forests

The theme of the 2017 celebration is "Forests and energy", to increase awareness of forest-energy interconnections and strengthen engagement between forest and energy practitioners and policymakers. The theme is of particular relevance to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and Goals 15 and 7, in particular.

The event will be comprised of an opening session followed by a *panel discussion* on "Growing forests harness energy for the future" and a general discussion on the theme "Forests and energy are essential for the 2030 Agenda".

The *list of speakers* for the general discussion is *now open*. For inscription to this list, kindly submit, *in writing*, the full name and title of the speaker, to the Deputy Secretary of the United Nations Forum on Forests, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (c/o Ms. Theresa Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

The deadline to inscribe on the list is *17:00, on Monday, 20 March 2017*. The time limit set for statements during the general discussion is *three minutes*. Please note that interpretation might not be available for this informal event.

For further information, please contact Ms. Mita Sen, United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat (e-mail sen@un.org, with copy to forests@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5069); or visit the website of the Forum Secretariat.

Commission on Population and Development
Fiftieth session

Monday, 3, to Friday, 7 April 2017 Conference Room 4

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2017/1 and E/CN.9/2017/L.1, respectively. To consult background information and official documents for the session, please *click here*.

For *participation and seating arrangements*, members of the Commission wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Christa Giles (e-mail giles@un.org; Room S-3066; with copy to leu@un.org).

Member States that are not members of the Commission, non-member States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and Regional Commissions are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Kindly note that only those observers who have confirmed their participation will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4, on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

The *lists of speakers* for all agenda items are open. Requests for inscription in the list of speakers should be sent *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Tomas Casas (e-mail casast@un.org)).

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 3 (General debate on: (a) Actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development at the global, regional and national levels; and (b) Special theme of the fiftieth session of the Commission based on the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the key actions to accelerate its further implementation), will be held from Monday, 3 April 2017 (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.9/2017/L.1).

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*; and statements made by observers should not exceed *four minutes*.

For *statements and PaperSmart arrangements*, delegates are informed that PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service for the fiftieth session of the Commission.

The official documentation and statements for the meetings will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal in all available official languages (*click here*).

Delegates are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements to papersmart1@un.org *at least one hour* in advance of their designated speaking slot and to bring 30 copies of their statements for technical services.

The date and time of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will remain embargoed until delivery, after which they will be available to the public on the portal.

For information on the *participation of non-governmental organizations* in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Information on *side events*, or activities organized outside the formal programme of the session of the Commission, can be accessed by *clicking here*.

For the *election of the Bureau of the fifty-first session*, the Commission will hold the first meeting of its fifty-first session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its fiftieth session.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

Briefing

Friday, 24 March 2017

10:00 Conference Room S-2723

On the Strategic Plan 2018-2021 of UNOPS

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Dragan Micic (e-mail draganmi@unops.org) or Ms. Elle Wang (e-mail ellew@unops.org).

Forthcoming other meetings

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Group of Least Developed Countries (on oceans and the law of the sea) (at the expert level)

Friday, 17 March 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Workshop on "Introductory Seminar on Human Rights and Sustainable Development Goals" (organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and research (UNITAR) New York Office)

Monday, 20 March 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room S-0310

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room S-0310

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Pelayo Álvarez, UNITAR New York Office (e-mail pelayo.alvarez@unitar.org or nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Special events on the occasion of the International Day of Happiness (20 March) (General Assembly resolution 66/281)

Monday, 20 March 2017

Interactive discussion on "Public Policies for Happiness" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Australia, Bhutan, Denmark, Ecuador, Rwanda, Slovenia, Thailand and the United Arab Emirates, in collaboration with the Department for Public Information (DPI) and the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UN-SDSN))

10:30 to 12:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

Launch of the Global Happiness Council (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates and the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UN-SDSN))

12:00 to 12:30 Economic and Social Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Hana Alhashimi, Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates (e-mail hana.alhashimi@mofaic.gov.ae; tel. 1 (212) 371-0480) or Mr. Felipe Queipo, DPI (e-mail queipo@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7232).

Interactive discussion on "Multilingualism, a Core Value of the United Nations, a Requirement for Efficiency" (on the occasion of the International Day of La Francophonie and the French Language Day at the United Nations) (organized by the International Organization of La Francophonie (IOF), in collaboration with the United Nations Secretariat-wide Coordinator for Multilingualism)

Monday, 20 March 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Economic and Social Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Dimitra Kritikou, IOF (e-mail dimitra.kritikou@francophonie.org or reper.new-york@francophonie.org; tel. 1 (212) 867-6771); or *click here*.

African Group (Sixth Committee experts)

Monday 20 March 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Round-table discussion on "Preventive Diplomacy: A Soft Power Tool" (organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilization (UNAOC))

Monday, 20 March 2017

15:00 to 16:30 Conference Room 9

All permanent missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Mehrangez Rafieva, UNAOC (e-mail mehrangezr@unops.org; tel. 1 (929) 274-6217).

Briefing on "The theme of the Secretary-General's 2017 Report on the Responsibility to Protect" (by the Special Adviser on the Responsibility to Protect) (organized by the Office on Genocide Prevention and Responsibility to Protect)

Tuesday, 21 March 2017

10:00 to 11:30 Conference Room 8

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Mario Buil-Merce, Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect (e-mail buil-merce@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5001).

Panel discussion on "Developing Productive Capacity: Lessons Learned from Least Developed Countries (LDCs)" (organized by the Committee for Development Policy, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Tuesday, 21 March 2017

13:15 to 14:45 Conference Room 6

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Matthias Bruckner, DESA (e-mail brucknerm@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2137); or *click here*.

International Criminal Court: Assembly of States Parties (facilitation on the activation of the Courts jurisdiction over the crime of aggression)

Wednesday, 22 March 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Briefing on "2017 Global Infrastructure Forum" (co-organized by the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the European Investment Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank)

Thursday, 30 March 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Trusteeship Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information, please contact DESA (Mr. Arend Janssen (e-mail janssena@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5620); or Ms. Jie Wei (e-mail weij@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5105)); or *click here*.

Non-Aligned Movement (monthly meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

Thursday, 30 March 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Announcements

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of United Nations human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2017, as follows:

Fourth Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (20 June 2017), to elect five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearance (*click here* for general information);

Twenty-seventh Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (22 June 2017), to elect nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (*click here* for general information); and

Eighth Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (28 June 2017), to elect seven members of the Committee on Migrant Workers (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States Parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for all of the above mentioned meetings, duly signed by the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, should be submitted to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York (Attn: Ms. Sheilah Trotta (e-mail trotta@un.org; Room S-1309). For any clarifications on these elections, consult OHCHR's guide on treaty body elections (*click here*), or contact Mr. Nenad Vasić, OHCHR (e-mail vasic@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5998).

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (unless otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *March 2017*:

Introduction to legal resources

Introduction to United Nations documents

Finding speeches (French)

Voting information (French)

Introduction to library services

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*). For further information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Press kit for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly

The press kit for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly is available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free. Print-on-demand versions are available on the General Assembly website (*click here*).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council**

The *Repertoire* provides comprehensive coverage of the Security Council's interpretation and application of the United Nations Charter and its own Provisional Rules of Procedure. It is prepared by the Security Council Affairs Division in the Department of Political Affairs.

The *Repertoire* is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law and international relations, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations in following the evolving practice of the Council and gaining a better understanding of the framework in which it operates. The *Repertoire* is available in the six official languages of the United Nations.

The latest printed volume (Seventeenth Supplement), covering the years 2010 to 2011, is now available. For copies of this volume and all previous Supplements, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288).

The Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) and Parts I, V and X of the Nineteenth Supplement (2014-2015) are available in their advance versions on the *Repertoire section* of the website of the Security Council.

Report of the High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises

The report of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises has been issued in document A/70/723, in conjunction with the Secretary-General's report, contained in document A/70/824.

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 13 March 2017

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Sixty-first session

[archived video]

3rd meeting

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

(a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives

(i) Priority theme: women's economic empowerment in the changing world of work

Parallel ministerial round tables A and C on the priority theme

Round table A: Gender pay gaps in the public and private sectors: how can equal pay for work of equal value be achieved in the changing world of work?

Her Excellency Elke Ferner, Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth of Germany, chaired the round table and made an opening statement.

An interactive dialogue ensued, in which the representatives of Belgium, Norway, Paraguay, Brazil, Switzerland, Mongolia, Spain, the Republic of Korea and Kazakhstan participated.

The observers for Jordan, the Dominican Republic, Finland, France, Tunisia, Peru, Luxembourg, Morocco, South Africa, Canada, Poland, Greece, Lithuania, the Sudan and Portugal also participated.

The Chair of round table A (Germany) made a statement.

Organization of work

The Secretary of the Commission made a statement.

Round table C: Informal and non-standard work: what policies can effectively support women's economic empowerment?

His Excellency Motome Takisawa, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, chaired the round table and made an opening statement.

An interactive dialogue ensued, in which the representatives of Belarus, Eritrea, Guatemala, Kuwait, the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Korea participated.

The observers for Namibia, Indonesia, Fiji, Sri Lanka, Mexico, Mozambique, Hungary, Angola, Chile, the Congo, Romania, Madagascar and El Salvador also participated.

The observer of the State of Palestine also participated in the dialogue.

The Chair of round table C (Japan) and the Deputy Executive Director, Intergovernmental Support and Strategic Partnerships Bureau of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women made closing statements.

Organization of work

The Secretary of the Commission made a statement.

Parallel ministerial round tables B and D on the priority theme

Round table B: Technology changing the world of work: how can technology and innovation be harnessed to accelerate women's economic empowerment?

His Excellency Valentin Rybakov, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belarus, chaired the round table and made an opening statement.

An interactive dialogue ensued, in which the representatives of Japan and Burkina Faso participated.

The observers for Australia, Mali, Nepal, the Czech Republic, Botswana, Mauritius, Zambia, the Niger, Argentina, Italy, Estonia, South Africa, China and the United Arab Emirates also participated.

The Deputy Executive Director, Policy and Programme Bureau of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, and the Chair of round table C (Belarus) made closing statements.

Organization of work

The Secretary of the Commission made a statement.

Round table D: Full and productive employment and decent work for all: how can Sustainable Development Goal 8 be realized for women by 2030?

Her Excellency Maya Morsy, President of the National Council of Women of Egypt, chaired the round table and made an opening statement.

An interactive dialogue ensued, in which the representatives of the Russian Federation, Egypt, Guatemala and Uganda participated.

The observers of Costa Rica, Sweden, Ukraine, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Georgia, Morocco, the United Arab Emirates, Turkey, the Philippines, Ireland, Afghanistan, South Africa, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan and Cuba also participated.

The observer of the European Union also participated in the dialogue.

The Deputy Executive Director, Intergovernmental Support and Strategic Partnerships Bureau of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, made closing remarks.

Organization of work

The Secretary of the Commission made a statement.

Wednesday, 15 March 2017

Security Council

[archived video]

7898th meeting

Maintenance of international peace and security

Trafficking in persons in conflict situations: forced labour, slavery and other similar practices

Letter dated 7 March 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2017/198)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure, the President invited the representatives of Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Czech Republic, Djibouti, Estonia, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, the Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic) to participate in the meeting.

The President invited the following briefers to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure: Mr. Yury Fedotov, Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime; Ms. Ilwad Elman, Elman Peace and Human Rights Centre; and Mr. Kevin Hyland, Independent Anti-slavery Commissioner

The President invited the following individuals to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure: His Excellency Téte António, Permanent Observer of the African Union to the United Nations; Ms. Urmila Bhoola, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, including its Causes and Consequences; Her Excellency Madina Jarbussynova, OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings; Her Excellency Joanne Adamson, Deputy Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations; Mr. Emmanuel Roux, Special Representative of the INTERPOL to the United Nations; and Mr. Houtan Homayounpour, Senior Forced Labour Specialist, International Labour Organization.

The President invited the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of the Holy See to the United Nations to participate in the meeting in accordance with the provisional rules of procedure and the Council's previous practice.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by the Secretary-General, His Excellency António Guterres.

The Council heard briefings by Mr. Fedotov, via video-teleconference from Vienna, Ms. Elman, via video-teleconference from Mogadishu, and by Mr. Hyland.

Statements were made by Her Excellency Laurence Rossignol, Minister of Families, Children and Women's Rights of France; Her Excellency Demitu Hambisa, Minister for Women and Children's Affairs of Ethiopia; Her Excellency Åsa Regnér, Minister for Children, the Elderly and Gender Equality of Sweden; Her Excellency Nikki Haley, Permanent Representative of the United States and Member of President Trump's Cabinet; His Excellency Sergiy Kyslytsya, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine; and Her Excellency Madina Abylkassymova, Vice-Minister of National Economy of Kazakhstan; and by the representatives of Senegal, China, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Japan, Italy, the Russian Federation, Egypt and Uruguay; as well as by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the United Kingdom.

The Council heard statements by Her Excellency Fabiana Tuñez, President of the National Council of Women of Argentina; Her Excellency Michaelia Cash, Minister for Women of Australia; Her Excellency Lydia Mutsch, Minister for Equal Opportunities of Luxembourg; Her Excellency Dolors Montserrat, Minister of Health, Social Services and Equality of Spain; Her Excellency Yohana Susana Yembise, Minister for Women Empowerment and Child Protection of Indonesia; Her Excellency Lia Olguta Vasilescu, Minister of Labour and Social Justice of Romania; His Excellency Jan Chvojka, Minister for Human Rights, Equal Opportunities and Legislation of the Czech Republic; Her Excellency Fatma Betül Sayan Kaya, Minister for Family and Social Policies of Turkey; His Excellency Valentin Rybakov, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belarus; Her Excellency Laila Bokhari, State Secretary/Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway (on behalf of the Nordic countries: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Sweden and Norway); the representative of Colombia; and Her Excellency Catarina Marcelino, Secretary of State for Citizenship and Equality of Portugal; and by the representative of Brazil.

The Council heard statements by His Excellency Téte António, Ms. Urmila Bhoola, Her Excellency Madina Jarbussynova and Her Excellency Joanne Adamson (speaking on behalf of the European Union and its member States; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania; and the country of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Georgia, which aligned themselves with the statement).

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Liechtenstein, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Estonia, Hungary and Pakistan.

The Council heard a statement by the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of the Holy See.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Germany, Austria, Peru, Bangladesh and Poland.

The Council heard a statement by Mr. Roux.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Belgium, Cambodia, South Africa, Albania, Namibia, Bulgaria, Georgia, Morocco, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Slovakia, Panama, Iraq, the Syrian Arab Republic, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Joe McHugh, Minister for International Development of Ireland.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, Thailand, Djibouti, the Philippines, Greece, Myanmar, Israel, Malaysia, Nigeria, Côte d'Ivoire, Azerbaijan, Uganda and the Netherlands.

The Council heard a statement by Mr. Homayounpour.

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Sixty-first session

[archived video]

4th meeting

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

(a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives

(i) Priority theme: women's economic empowerment in the changing world of work

(ii) Review theme: challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls

(b) Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men: empowerment of indigenous women

(c) Gender mainstreaming, situations and programmatic matters

General discussion

The Commission continued its general discussion of agenda item 3 as a whole.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium, Paraguay, Uganda, Kenya, Spain, Liberia, the Congo, Ghana and Malawi.

Statements were also made by the observers for Nauru (on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum), the Niger, Canada, Morocco, Mozambique, Finland, South Africa , Luxembourg, the Dominican Republic, Afghanistan, Zambia, Indonesia, Denmark, Tunisia, Australia, Iceland, Côte d'Ivoire, Botswana, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Namibia, the Bahamas, Romania, Thailand, Guinea, Turkey, Madagascar, Jordan, Mali, Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka, Peru, the Sudan, Angola, Costa Rica, Rwanda, the Czech Republic, Kiribati, Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, Nepal, Cambodia, Nauru and Fiji.

A statement was also made by the observer of the State of Palestine.

4th meeting (parallel)

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

(a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives

(i) Priority theme: women's economic empowerment in the changing world of work

High-level interactive dialogue among ministers on "Building alliances to promote gender equality and women's empowerment in the changing world of work"

The Chair of the Commission (Brazil) opened the meeting and made a statement.

In the ensuing dialogue, the representatives of Ghana, Uganda, Brazil, the Republic of Korea, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Japan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mongolia and Eritrea participated.

The observers for New Zealand, Australia, Hungary, Ukraine, China, Turkey, Iraq, Niger, Finland, the Dominican Republic, Chile and the Philippines also participated.

The representative of the International Labour Organization participated in the dialogue.

The invited speakers representing trade unions as well as non-governmental and civil society organizations also participated in the dialogue.

The Chair (Brazil) summarized the highlights of the dialogue.

Organization of work

The Chair (Brazil) made a statement.

5th meeting — The summary of the 5th meeting of the Commission will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2017/53)

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Notification under article 4 (3): Ecuador (15 March 2017)

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2017* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States

Cabo Verde

His Excellency José Luis Fialho Rocha

Asia-Pacific States
Malaysia
His Excellency M. Shahrul Ikram Yaakob

Eastern European States
Republic of Moldova
His Excellency Vlad Lupan

Latin American and Caribbean States
Guatemala
His Excellency Jorge Skinner-Klée Arenales

Western European and other States
Germany
His Excellency Harald Braun

General Assembly
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For *PaperSmart Services*, delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

For the submission of a *draft resolution* for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3872 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly. The co-sponsorship of all draft resolutions and decisions in the General Assembly plenary now takes place via the General Assembly Plenary e-Sponsorship application in the e-deleGATE portal at http://delegate.un.int. Permanent missions to the United Nations are invited to inform the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail gaplenarye-sponsorship@un.org) of those accredited delegates who should be granted access to General Assembly Plenary e-Sponsorship, using a registration form that was provided to the missions and is available on the General Assembly website (*click here*). Based on the information received, delegates will be issued a username and a password to access the Portal. Paper signature list for co-sponsorship will no longer be accepted. For questions on the submission of a *draft resolution or a draft decision* for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3872 (Room S-3044).

The agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/71/251 and A/71/251/Add.1, and the allocation of agenda items for the session is contained in document A/71/252 and A/71/252/Add.1.

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/71/100 and the annotated draft agenda of the seventy-first session has been issued as document A/71/100/Add.1.

The following items on the agenda remain open for consideration during the seventy-first session of the General Assembly: agenda items 9 to 15, 19, 19 (h), 20, 28 to 35, 37, 38, 40 to 46, 51, 61, 62, 62 (a) and (b), 65, 65 (a), 66, 68, 68 (b), 69, 69 (a) to (d), 73, 73 (a), 87, 110 to 112, 114, 114 (a), 115, 115 (b) (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), and (l), 116 to 125, 126, 126 (b), (c), (e) to (h), (j), (k), (m), (p), (q), (s), (t) and (z), and 127 to 164.

The schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the resumed part of its seventy-first session will be reflected in the online schedule of meetings, please *click here*.

There is no pre-determined calendar of meetings for the resumed part of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly.

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For special events services, please contact the Special Events Unit/DM (e-mail specialevents@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4245);

For audiovisual services, please contact BCSS/DM (request-for-services@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9485);

For loaning of technological equipment (PC, printer, etc.), please contact OICT/DM (e-mail itservices@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3333).

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Documentation Services for Delegates provided by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM)

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For *eSubscription* a simple and fast alternate way to access United Nations parliamentary documents electronically through the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management's eSubscription service, please *click here*.

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